

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 and 10-20 are now pending in this application. Claim 8 has been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein and claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the canceled base claim 8.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Kashyap (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0021223). Claims 1-7 and 17-20 were allowed and claims 9-16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a). However, since claim 8 has been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein the Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is now moot.

In view of the foregoing, the application is considered to be in condition for allowance. Early notification of the same is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone 815-885-2389.

Respectfully submitted,

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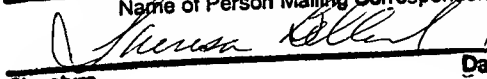
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